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**GRUBB: BMV APPEARS SET ON CLOSING CAYUGA BRANCH;
LAWMAKER ADVISES AREA SENIORS TO GET PHOTO ID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

INDIANAPOLIS – With the Bureau of Motor Vehicles apparently intent upon closing the license branch in Cayuga in June, State Rep. F. Dale Grubb (D-Covington) is urging area seniors to move as quickly as possible to use branch services to get photo identification that will enable them to vote in future elections.

"After meeting with BMV officials at a public hearing on Monday (May 23), it is more obvious than ever that the Cayuga license branch is going to be closed the first week in June," Grubb said. "The only way that we can avoid this is by taking our case directly to Gov. Mitch Daniels, and I promise local residents that I will make that appeal to the governor."

While the closing will cause great inconvenience to all local motorists, Grubb said shutting the branch will have a particularly devastating impact for local seniors.

"Under the provisions of a new state law that goes into effect on July 1, all Hoosiers will have to have a photo ID in order to vote at the polls on Election Day," Grubb said.

"In many cases, this will mean showing a driver's license, but there are many seniors in this area who do not have a license," he continued. "In the absence of a license, these folks will have to get another form of photo ID, and the best way to do that will be from the local license branch.

"However, if the Cayuga branch is closing down, that means they will have to drive more than 20 miles to Clinton to get an ID, and I worry that many people will not have the ability to make that trip, which means they will be deprived of the chance to vote," Grubb said. "These are some of the problems resulting from this photo ID bill, which is why I voted against it."

Grubb strongly encouraged seniors in the Cayuga area to visit the local branch in the next few days to collect a photo ID.

"You need to act before the branch is closed," Grubb emphasized. "No one should lose their right to vote, simply because the BMV doesn't want to make customer service a priority in northern Vermillion County."

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